

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 with the following amended paragraph:

--The column hole cover 1 includes a cylindrical main body 100. The cylindrical main body 100 is formed as a single-walled cylinder having a center axis. As such, the column hole cover has no other cylinders in an area inside of the cylindrical main body. The main body 100 includes a first annular end portion 20 indirectly fixed to the steering gear box 9 via the spacer 18; a second annular end portion 21 retained along the wall 4a of the instrument panel 4; and an intermediate portion 101 between the first and second end portions 20, 21. The second end portion 21 is provided with an annular seal 22. The intermediate portion 101 is provided with a bellows 23 as an expandable/contractible portion which can be elastically expanded or contracted along an axial direction S of the column hole cover 1.--